AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A signal receiver for displaying received broadcast electric waves including:

a first memory for storing as a past record information representing whether the signal receiver was previously subjected to initial setup; and

an alarm device for alarming the necessity of initial setup of the signal receiver, which is activated by a processing ~~deveedevice~~, when the connection of a power source plug to an external power source is detected by said processing device and no past record exists in the first memory, whereby a user performs the initial setup using a guided setup which is initiated in response to the alarm device and/or an activation device being activated.

2. (Original) The signal receiver as claimed in claim 1, wherein said alarm device comprises a button formed of a transparent member provided on the front face of the signal receiver, and a light emitting element which is provided inside the button and can be actuated to be turned on and off.

3. (Previously Presented) The signal receiver as claimed in claim 1, further including a second memory for holding the initial setup frame displayed on a display device after a response to the alarm of said alarm device is received or at the same

time when the alarm is made; a third memory for storing district codes and reception channel groups corresponding to the respective district codes as a district code comparative chart; and a tuner circuit with which when a district code is input on the initial setup frame, the reception channel group corresponding to the district code thus input is read out and a channel contained in the reception channel group thus read out is selected.

4. (Previously Presented) A signal receiver for displaying received broadcast electric waves including:

a first memory for storing as a past record information representing whether the signal receiver was previously subjected to initial setup;

an alarm device for alarming the necessity of initial setup of the signal receiver when the connection of a power source plug to an external power source is detected and no past record exists in the first memory, whereby a user can surely perform the initial setup; and

a second memory for holding the initial setup frame displayed on a display device after a response to the alarm of said alarm device is received or at the same time when the alarm is made; a third memory for storing district codes and reception channel groups corresponding to the respective district codes as a district code comparative chart; and a tuner circuit with which when a district code is input on the initial setup

frame, the reception channel group corresponding to the district code thus input is read out and a channel contained in the reception channel group thus read out is selected;

wherein the district code comparative chart is designed to contain a code for stopping the tuning operation and/or a code for allowing the tuning operation through only the external input.

5. (Original) The signal receiver as claimed in claim 3, wherein the district code comparative chart is designed by allocating district codes to cities having large populations or a large number of households and associating the district codes thus allocated with the reception channel groups of the cities.

6. (Original) The signal receiver as claimed in claim 5, wherein the district codes of cities which are common in reception channel group are set to the same code.

7. (Original) The signal receiver as claimed in claim 3, wherein the district code comparative chart is designed by allocating district code to the areas corresponding to area codes, the district codes thus allocated are associated with the reception channel groups of the respective areas, and if plural kinds of reception channel groups whose number exceeds a predetermined number exist in the area corresponding to the area code, plural district codes are allocated in accordance with the kind of the reception channel group.

8. (Previously Presented) An electronic receiver having a plurality of programmable initial settings, comprising:

a processing device for detecting the connection of a power source plug to an external power source;

a controller for detecting whether the initial settings are programmed into the electronic receiver, which is activated by said processing device;

an alarm, responsive to the controller, for notifying a user that the initial settings are not programmed into the electronic receiver;

an activation device operatively associated with the alarm, and

a guided menu for programming the initial settings into the electronic receiver, when the user responds to the alarm and the activation device.

9. (Previously Presented) An electronic receiver according to claim 8 wherein the alarm emits an optical warning from a light emitting source and the activation device includes a pushbutton operatively associated with the light emitting source.

10. (Previously Presented) An electronic receiver according to claim 9 wherein the alarm further includes an audible warning.

11. (Previously Presented) An electronic receiver according to claim 8 wherein the initial settings are selected from the group comprising the local time, the date, a geographic region, or a group of channels.

12. (Previously Presented) An electronic receiver according to claim 11 wherein at least one initial setting is detected by the controller and automatically programmed.

13. (Previously Presented) An electronic receiver according to claim 8 wherein the receiver includes a VCR.

14. (Previously Presented) A method for programming an electronic receiver having a plurality of initial settings, comprising:

detecting whether the initial settings are programmed into the electronic receiver;

warning a user that the initial settings are not programmed into the electronic receiver;

providing a user input device to be activated in response to the warning; and

providing a guided menu for programming the initial settings into the electronic receiver, when the user responds to the warning and activates the input device.